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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO SOUTH AFRICA ON NAMIBIA; BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY'S TRAVEL TO AFRICA

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1. AMBASSADOR BRIEFED SEYDOU TRAORE, SECRETARY GENERAL, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ON FIVE-POWER DEMARCHE TO SOUTH AFRICA EVENING APRIL 8, LEAVING AIDE-MEMOIRE IN FRENCH INCORPORATING FACTUAL MATERIAL AND AUTHORIZED TALKING POINTS PARAGRAPH 2 REFTEL A. AMBASSADOR POINTED TO RELATIVE RARITY OF MOVE AS FURTHER EVIDENCE ITS SIGNIFICANCE AND INDICATED TONE OF DEMARCHE TO SOUTH AFRICA WAS STIFF.

2. AMBASSADOR ALSO REITERATED FULL US SUPPORT FOR BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY'S TRIP TO AFRICA AND OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN FINDING NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT
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TO PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (REFTEL B).

3. SECRETARY GENERAL WELCOMED BOTH MOVES. HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY PHONE FROM NEW YORK EARLIER IN DAY OF OVER-LL US EFFORT ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND HE COMMENTED THAT CURRENT AMERICAN ACTIONS ACCORDED MUCH BETTER WITH IMAGE AFRICANS HAD OF UNITED STATES

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AS EARLIEST FIGHTER FOR INDEPENDENCE.

4. CONCERNING JOINT DEMARCHE TO SOUTH AFRICA ON NAMIBIA, TRAORE COMMENTED HE HAD EXPECTED THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S REFUSAL TO HEED MODERATE WESTERN APPEALS WOULD EVENTUALLY LEAD TO HARDENING OF WESTERN POSITION, AS HAD NOW HAPPENED. ON FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN'S TRAVEL HE SAID IAN SMITH HAD TO BE FORCED TO CHANGE PRESENT POSITION "OF BEING WILLING TO CONSIDER MATTER IN 10 YEARS".

5. MALI, SECRETARY GENERAL SAID, VERY MUCH HOPED THESE EFFORTS WOULD PRODUCE PEACEFUL CHANGE BECAUSE IT DID NOT NOT WANT WAR. WAR WAS NO SOLUTION IN ANY CASE AND IT ONLY DIVERTED ENERGIES AWAY FROM VITAL AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT NEEDS.
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